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## Waiting in the wings



**The Sammy Ofer Wing at the National Maritime Museum opened to tributes for the patron who passed away just a month before his vision was realised. p12&13**

## Greenwich Park hailed a success at test events

GREENWICH Park provided a "breathtaking setting" for the test events ahead of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, said park manager Graham Dear.

He added: "The atmosphere has been fantastic throughout the test events. We're now looking forward to hosting the Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon events in 2012."

"The Royal Parks is really pleased with the progress that is being made to reinstate the park and almost 80 per cent of it is now open to the public. We're already ahead of schedule and we're confident that the park will recover very quickly."

Olympic champion Lena Schoneborn won the London 2012 Modern Pentathlon test event, the UIPM World Cup Final.

After collecting her gold medal, Schoneborn said: "It feels great to be first in the Olympic qualifier for the Olympic Games. My aim was just top 10. It is unreal, it hasn't even sunk in yet that I have qualified."

Modern Pentathlon president Dr Klaus Schormann said: "After two days of competition we are very satisfied with Greenwich Park and very impressed with LOCOG's planning."

"The Park has provided a wonderful panorama for the men's and women's UIPM World Cup Finals and we are very happy to be here. It is a wonderful environment on ground that has proved good for jumping."

"We were here to test equipment,

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## In my opinion

### Reasons to get on your bike...



SO, at 45 years of age, out of shape, nagging from my missus about my ludicrous carbon footprint, I decided to purchase a push bike, a modern version of the old 'sit up and beg', and cycle to and from work, and visit parts of the borough you cannot go by car. The Thames cycle path beautiful in parts, modern and old worlds within a short distance, the wonder of our parks, and as an anti-social behaviour specialist, it gives me the chance to visit less accessible areas. In my car I headed from A to B without observing my surroundings, now I can see the issues and tackle them on route. A win-win then, health, environment and work wise. Well, what about giving? I was at a charity dinner a while ago and a speaker discussed something called a cyber knife, and how it has reinvented cancer treatment. Words like 'revolutionary', 'groundbreaking' and 'breath-taking' are used to describe it. What is Cyberknife? Well, it is unit designed to treat difficult or even previously inoperable cancers by delivering

multiple doses of highly-concentrated radiation beams from almost any angle. Computer controlled technology means things can be achieved that could not before. The system constantly tracks the tumour's movement with astonishing accuracy, making it possible to treat tumours which could not be treated before. This minimises damage to healthy tissue. The treatments are non-invasive and pain free. Enthralled by the talk, I enquired how much each unit cost - around £3million each or two for £5m. Better get on my bike then, I thought, and signed up for the capital to coast ride, 60 miles between Esher College in Surrey and Hove, Brighton on June 11. I truly enjoy cycling, and our borough encourages it through various schemes and its Greener Greenwich campaign. If anyone is interested in participating in future rides, please look up [www.capitaltocoast.org.uk](http://www.capitaltocoast.org.uk) or Google the cyberknifeappeal.

Garry Perkins

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## Wonder weekend with 'One Year to Go'

DON'T look for any other entertainment this weekend - just get to the sparkling new General Gordon Square in Woolwich and/or Greenwich Park to celebrate 'One Year to Go' to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. There'll be loads to do, loads to watch and it'll be absolutely FREE. The Big Screen Open Weekend is on from 10am-6.45pm on Saturday and 11am-4.30pm on Sunday. Both days will include the inter-active game Swim Wenlock Swim, inter-city

games, a rowing machine, mini-athletics circuit as well as Olympic and Paralympic films and a film of Woolwich past and present. Chariots of Fire - with an introduction by producer David Puttnam, will be show at 4pm on Saturday. Sunday will also include a film and demonstrations by the South London Special League. The 'Get Active Olympic Countdown' will be held in Greenwich Park - the bandstand area - from 11am-5pm on

Sunday. Visitors will be able to take part in taster sessions in various sports, including athletics, football, gymnastics, cycling, judo, New Age Kurling, table tennis, Tae Kwon Do and trampolining. A prize draw will take place at 4pm. Cllr John Fahy, cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, told GT: "What a weekend! There'll be something for everyone as we celebrate one year to go to the Olympics coming to London - and Greenwich."

# 2012 trees for... 2012!

Final chance to tell us where to plant them

by Peter Cordwell

**THERE'S** still time for you to suggest where some of the 2,012 trees should be planted in Greenwich as part of Greenwich Council's London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy.

Consultation with the public ends in three weeks' time, so send in your suggestions as soon as you can.

The tree planting is part of the 'Playground to Podium' scheme with 28 locations chosen across the borough.

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, told GT: "2012 trees for the 2012 Games will be a lasting and meaningful legacy from the Olympics in Greenwich and I'm urging residents to get involved and say where they want trees to be planted."

There are four sites for street trees/boulevard planting:

- Bugsbys Way, Greenwich, from Anchor and Hope Lane to the junction of Peartree Way. About 27 heavy mature standard trees will be planted on the pavement and roadside verge. There will also be six specimen trees on the roundabout at the junction of Peartree Way.
- Bexley Road, from Alderwood road to Avery Hill Road - 20 heavy mature trees on pavement and grass verge
- Creek Road, Greenwich, from Gonson Street to Deptford Church Street - about 14 heavy standard trees
- Greenwich High Road, junction of Merryweather Place - six mature trees on the pathway



TREE-MENDOUS: examples of some of the trees to be planted can be found in Horn Park, Lee

Four housing sites are proposed for copse planting/verge planting:

- Ridgebrook Road junction with Rochester Way - copse planting of about 300 native, whip trees, fenced
- Villas Road/Sandbach Place, Plumstead - copse planting of native whip trees, fenced
- Eynsham Drive, Abbey Wood - 15 semi-mature trees in grassland
- Burrage Road/opposite Crescent Road, Plumstead -

native mixed hedge planting of about 350 whips

Trees will also be planted on other sites:

- Sheltered accommodation sites - about 15 individual semi-mature trees, one per site
- East Greenwich Pleasaunce, Chevening Road - six fruit trees to create a community orchard
- The Slade, Plumstead Common Road - a small copse of about 350 native whip trees
- The Point, Point Hill, Blackheath - a small copse of

about 350 native whip trees

● Horn Park, Lee - five Alder trees in wetland area

During the consultation period in 2009/10 residents requested tree planting at specific sites that had not been included in the legacy sites. Four trees were planted in Charlton Church Lane/Woolwich Lower Road; two on the Thames Path dockland estate; two in Coldbath Street; five in Lanover Road; two in Woodhurst Road; two in Dobell Road; and five in Horn Park Lane.

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# Morden a feeling

Primary school gets a new building which is eco-friendly and people-friendly

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**PUPILS** at Morden Mount Primary School in Greenwich put on a spectacular show for parents, staff and governors at the official opening of the school's new early years centre last Tuesday (July 12).

Defying storm clouds overhead, the school band played rousing numbers on ukuleles, drums and violins, while older pupils performed salsa dances, and other students played recorders and sang songs in the playground.

The deputy mayor Cllr David Grant and Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's member for children and young people, formally opened the new building in Lewisham Road, which contains nursery and reception classrooms, a parents meeting room, a multi-sensory room and a covered play area specially for the nursery children.

The single-storey timber framed building was completed earlier this year to replace two mobile classrooms. Its sustainable design use energy saving measures such as high levels of insulation to reduce heat loss, sun pipes to maximise daylight, and energy saving lighting.

The £850,000 scheme was funded by Greenwich Council's Primary Capital Programme, through which a total of £6.5million has been invested across the borough in new and improved school buildings over the last year.

Morden Mount headteacher Mary Jackson said: "This new building has created a beautiful environment in which the children can learn. It's bright and airy with lovely spaces for creative activity, and



**IT'S BANG ON:** youngsters Jordan (left) and Semilore show their approval new Morden Mount early years centre, and below, pupils at the Greenwich school perform a display of salsa dancing

offers plenty of opportunities for children to develop their own independence. The children love the expanded outdoor play area, while the parents' room is infinitely adaptable so we can use it for coffee mornings with the Friends of Morden Mount or meetings between a range of professionals and parents."

Cllr Smith added: "It is great to see how well the children have settled into this fabulous new building. Greenwich Council remains committed to improving the learning environment for children in all our schools, and it's clear that Morden

Mount is using the new facilities to the full, in order to offer the best possible opportunities for its children."



## Test events hailed

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technology and people which we will review thoroughly with LOCOG. We are very happy with the event."

Thirty-six competitors contested five sporting events across two venues, battling it out in fencing, swimming, equestrian and the combined event. In Greenwich Park, the riders tackled the 15-jump course in front of a grandstand filled with almost 1,500

spectators. Early leader and eventual bronze medallist Elodie Clouvel, from France, said: "The English people are really nice and welcoming, and for the Games it should be even better with all the enhancements that are due to take place ready for next year."

• More on 2012 and test events at [www.greenwich.gov.uk/2012](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/2012)

## Borough BRIEFS

### Show award for growers

**PUPILS** from schools in Charlton and Kidbrooke had their gardening skills rewarded when they received a Royal Horticultural Society Silver Gilt medal to commemorate the award-winning plants they grew for the recent Chelsea Flower Show.

The 'Miracle-Gro'ers Learning Journey' flower stand was honoured at a ceremony at Charlton Manor primary school on July 13.

Pupils nurtured giant tree lilies into bloom using school corridors and outside classrooms as well as growing tropical Gerbera Landscape plants in pots.

Their stand was visited by The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and thousands of visitors to the Giant Pavilion during the show.

### Nature walk

A **NATURE** walk, a lucky dip and bird spotting will all take place in Sutcliffe Park on Saturday (July 23) between midday and 4pm. It is being organised by the Friends of Sutcliffe Park to celebrate 'Love Parks Week' and visitors will be surveyed for their views.

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## Blank stares instead of a welcome

OUT of curiosity I went to Greenwich Park to have a look at the Equestrian event paraphernalia. Spoke to quite a few of the security guards, enquiring about the timing of the cross-country event. Each time I was met with a blank stare and was referred to the adjacent notice attached to the fence which does not give timings. You

**Star Letter**

would have thought I was asking them to explain 'Einstein's theory of relativity'. On the

Tuesday morning's visit I was informed by another security guard that the cross-country started at 11am but thought it finished at 5pm. However, on my way out I encountered a helpful uniformed lady who had a timetable which confirmed a finish time of 2pm. It appears that the majority if not all the personnel had not been informed of event times or how to address the public. A good morning sir/madam or

hello goes a long way! There was also an absence of signage for persons holding tickets. Never mind, got just over a year to sort it out.

**Dave McLaren, East Greenwich**

● LOCOG replies: The security guards were there to guard the venue. Other staff and volunteers were on hand to give out information about the event and session times and there was signage around the venue.

## Olympic traffic is the issue for me

I RUN Little Pilates Studio in Greenwich, located just two minutes from the park on Lassell Street. During the summer months, I take some of my clients into the park for Pilates/fitness sessions so have a vested interest in anything that causes the park to be closed.

I was pleasantly surprised by the lack of interference that the test events had on my business. I was in the park nearly every day, either walking my dog or with my clients so watched as the structures were built and fences put up. Every day, access was more and more restricted but there was always enough space for our activities and I am happy to put up with a little bit of disruption for the use of the park for what I consider to be a worthwhile event. Traffic will be a much bigger concern when the Olympics and Paralympics are taking

place as many of my clients have already indicated that they will not be able to attend the studio throughout the entire two to three-month period as the traffic will be too congested to reach me and they are not within walking distance. This could cause a huge loss of income, perhaps even resulting in the Olympics putting me out of business, which would be ironic as I am helping people to keep healthy and fit.

**Jennifer Ainger**

● GREENWICH Council is in discussions with LOCOG and TfL about the transport plans for the Games. All Olympic visitors will be told to come to the Games by public transport. The Council will be seeking to vigorously enforce this in order to ensure local businesses can continue operating successfully.

## Heartless way to treat the death of an old lady

MY 84-year-old mother-in-law died in hospital at the end of April, and it was my duty, as her executor, to sort out her affairs. I did the correct thing by informing the DWP of her death - and quite rightly, they stopped all of her benefits, including her housing benefit from the day she died.

I then went to the council office at the Eltham Centre and surrendered her council tenancy. I discovered that she had a substantial credit balance on her rent account. I have spent the past seven or eight weeks trying to get the council to repay this money to her estate so that her funeral invoice can be paid. I have encountered nothing but obstacles on my way to achieve this. This is not a fault of the individuals I have seen - they have been exemplary in the way they have dealt with me. I take issue with the unwieldy and it seems, unbending, system which contrives to hang onto money to which they are not entitled.

It was bad enough to discover - four weeks after my first visit, that they were continuing to take money from this deceased person's account! Apparently, four weeks notice was due for the surrender of her tenancy! I am told that this was the "rule" and her meagre estate would be diminished by an amount, equating to four weeks' rent. As I said, her housing benefit stopped the moment her heart stopped - but not, apparently, her tenancy!

**Roy Thompson, Eltham**

● WE are very sorry to hear that this mistake was made Mr Thompson. Please accept our sincere apologies. Your mother-in-law's account has now been closed and a new one created for her grandson who now lives there. Ed

## Check before you cut

FOR all those green fingered wildlife lovers out there, I just wanted to warn anybody cutting their grass this summer. On cutting the grass last week I inadvertently killed a frog whilst the longer edges around the lawn. I felt terrible afterwards and

although I had checked before cutting the lawn, it must have been hiding around the edges. So just a reminder to everybody to have a quick check beforehand to avoid having the same sad and unfortunate mishap!

**Nicola, Charlton**

## It's time to use my loaf...

A FEW years ago Percy Ingle (baker) established a shop in Powis Street, Woolwich. This was very welcome as we hadn't had an independent baker for some time. I cannot fault the bread but each year the price of a loaf has risen and this year

is the second time there have been two price increases in the one year. Probably the healthiest option, loaf had risen by a whopping 10p to £2.09p. I shall be voting with my feet.

**P.B., Woolwich**

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**Ember Henderson, Greenwich: 'I was taking a stroll in Greenwich Park and got this lovely shot of some sunflowers.'**



# Sophie, 17, takes over at No. 10

## Students see the Civil Service from the inside

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**STUDENTS from Greenwich Community College have been finding out for themselves that civil servants are not just middle-aged middle-class men in suits.**

They have been taking part in a project called Making the Connection, designed to promote diversity in the Civil Service and encourage young people to consider it as a career.

Greenwich students were able to get first-hand experience of Whitehall, spending time job shadowing the teams that help the machinery of government run smoothly. Sophie Tyler, 17, from Balgowan Street, Plumstead, was taken inside the doors of 10 Downing Street. "It was such a great experience, and I felt so privileged to be there," she told GT. "I was shown all the portraits of former prime ministers on the stairs, and I saw Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and also Lord (Alan) Sugar when I was taken to the House of Lords.

"It was just wicked being there, and I shadowed staff and tried drafting replies to people who had written to the Prime Minister."

Sophie had always wanted to join the police after finishing her two-year public services course, but now she is considering going into the Civil Service.

Fellow student Jack Hodge was thrilled to be able to read the draft of a speech by Home Secretary Theresa May, and then go to the Public Gallery in the House of Commons later in the day and watch her deliver it.

He said: "It was something you usually see on television, but watching it happen live in the Commons was a real experience and something that everyone should have."

Kirsty Bell, 18, from Maxey Road, Plumstead, spent time with civil servants from DEFRA, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. "I sat in on a Select Committee of MPs looking into farming finances, health and safety, and how animals are treated," she said. "The best

bit was working on some ideas for the environment, such as planting more trees. I never realised how much they do at DEFRA."

The students were invited to an awards ceremony at the college in Plumstead Road, where they were presented with certificates by Dame Helen Ghosh, the permanent secretary to the Home Office, who sponsored the project. Also present was Doreen Lawrence from the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, which funded an e-mentoring scheme using civil servants to support students.

The students each gave a presentation to the guests. Kirsty told them: "I used to think 'Does it really matter if I throw my rubbish on the floor?' After being at DEFRA I realise that if everyone did this it would be like living on a rubbish tip." The Making the Connection scheme was launched with Greenwich Community College in September to help students expand BTEC diplomas to include a specific element about the Civil Service.



**BIN THERE:** Kirsty Bell (top) accepts the litter of the law and below, student Sophie Tyler is a prime contender after she made a connection at No. 10 Downing Street

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# Greenwich is top of the class for 2012

WITH the 2012 Games just a year away schools in Greenwich have marked their own milestone. All 82 of the Greenwich Council-maintained primary and secondary schools in the borough have joined the 2012 Get Set network, making it the first local authority in the country to get 100 per cent of its schools signed up.

The network is a national initiative made up of a community of schools and colleges committed to the Olympic and Paralympic values of respect, friendship, equality, excellence, inspiration, courage and determination. The 2012 Games will be reflected in the schools' curriculum and Greenwich has led the way since the Get Set network was launched. Nightingale Primary in Woolwich became the first school in the country to join.

The schools and colleges showed their commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic values in a many different ways including participating in programmes like Sportathon, organising Olympic-themed poster competitions and setting up merit systems for students to earn rewards and recognition for their commitment.

They can look forward to a range of exclusive opportunities as a result of being part of the 2012 Get Set Network. Nominated teachers, known as 'Olympic Champions' will be given extra resources to help build the legacy of the Games in local schools. They may even receive

inspirational visits from Olympics athletes. Schools in Greenwich in the Get Set network were given free tickets to the Test Events in Greenwich Park last week and will be given as many tickets as possible for the Games themselves through London 2012 Ticketshare scheme.

Cllr Chris Roberts, leader of the council said: "This is a fantastic achievement. It means, in line with a long held ambition, that Greenwich is the first borough in the country to ensure that children in every school will get tickets to the Olympic Games next year. Greenwich school children wowed the equestrian world and Olympic organisers earlier this month with their enthusiasm at the equestrian test events in Greenwich Park. By getting all our schools signed up to the Get Set network we are delighted that young people from all our schools will have the opportunity to attend the real thing next year."

London 2012 Chair, Seb Coe added: "With over a year to go I'm delighted that every Greenwich maintained school is incorporating the Olympic and Paralympic Values into their curriculum and are part of the official London 2012 education programme. Greenwich schools are not only taking advantage of the many ways children and young people can get involved and take part in the London 2012 Games, but will also receive free tickets to the Games for pupils through the Ticketshare scheme."

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### Family tickets to arena show up for grabs

THE Caped Crusader flies into The O2 this summer giving audiences the chance to see Batman as they've never seen him before - in an all-new, live-action arena adventure.

Premiering in the UK in Summer 2011, **Batman Live - World Arena Tour** comes to the North Greenwich venue from August 24 - September 4. It's a massive stage production and looks set to be a must-see for Batman fans everywhere. Based on an original story being created exclusively for the show, Batman Live is a theatrical extravaganza of thrilling stunts, acrobatic acts and illusions. Never before have Gotham City, Wayne Manor, the Batcave

and Arkham Asylum been brought to life on stage in a more visually exciting way. Join Batman and Robin as they battle their nemesis The Joker and other villains including The Riddler, Catwoman, The Penguin, Two-Face and Harley Quinn. Greenwich Time has three family tickets to give away for the August 24 showing. Each ticket is for a family of four - two adults and two children, or one adult and three children.

**To be in with a chance of winning, find the SIX Batman logos hidden in the pages of this week's GT. To start you off here's the first - now find the rest!**

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Comp ends on July 29

# Get set for the summer

A whole range of activities is on offer over the summer holidays for young people aged 8-19

by Dan Stephens

**WHILE nobody can guarantee it will be hot and sunny all summer, taking part in the Youth Summer Parks programme might be one way to make sure it's a memorable one.**

There's a whole range of activities on offer for 8-19 year olds, from BMXing and DJing, to art and photography.

The programme takes place in Greenwich's many parks every week from Monday July 25 to Friday 19 August from 2pm to 7pm

For 8-12 year olds the sessions include sports, dressing up, planting and growing, camp and den building, wall climbing and arts and crafts.

13-19 year olds can get stuck into BMXing, urban dance sessions, a virtual gaming tent, multi-sports, music workshops, climbing walls, arts in the parks, and hair and beauty.

The Parks programme is free and will take place in parks and open spaces across the borough

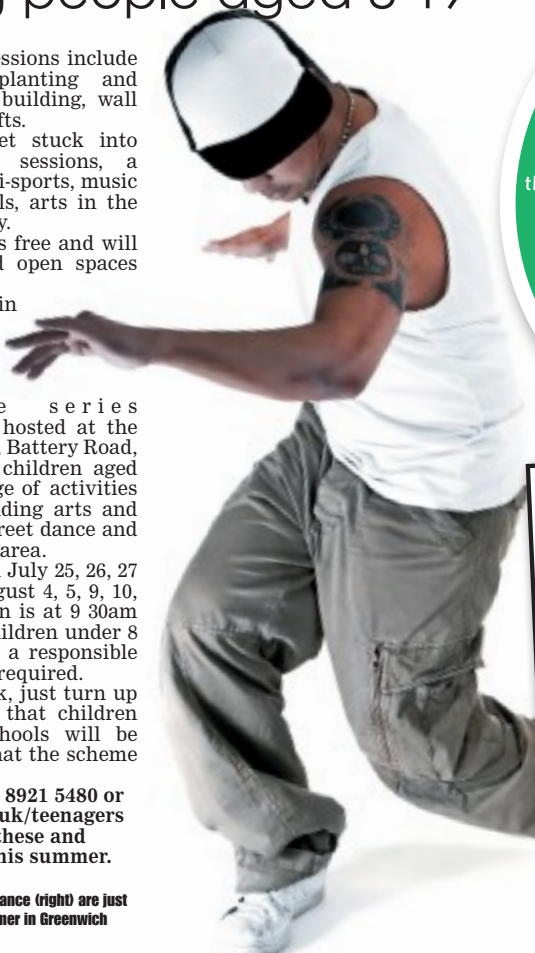
Also running in Greenwich is a free summer playscheme run by the Albion Kids Show, which is working with the council. The series of activity days will be hosted at the Discovery primary school, Battery Road, Thamesmead and is for children aged 5-11. There is a wide range of activities for the youngsters, including arts and crafts, a soft play area, street dance and a pirate ship-themed play area.

The playscheme runs on July 25, 26, 27 and then resumes on August 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Registration is at 9.30am and pick up is 3.30pm. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult and a pack lunch is required.

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• For more info phone 020 8921 5480 or visit [www.greenwich.gov.uk/teenagers](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/teenagers) for more information on these and other activities on offer this summer.

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Working Tax Credit (WTC) can help parents who work for at least 16 hours a week with approved childcare costs (such as an eligible nursery, children's centre, pre-school playgroup, breakfast or after-school club, holiday scheme, registered childminders or approved home carer).

Contact the Tax Credits Office if you already get WTC but don't receive help towards your increased summer childcare costs. If you don't already get

WTC you may be able to claim now even if you could not previously get help. You can get this help if you are a lone parent or a couple and you both work (or where one of you works and the other cannot work because of ill-health).

How much help you get depends on your yearly taxable income so some parents will not get any extra tax credits, but it's always important to check.

To claim tax credits call the Tax Credits Helpline on 0845 300 3900 (or 0845 300 3909 for textphone users).

If you pay rent or council tax it's also worth checking to see if you can get extra Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit during the summer holidays. The council can deduct 100% of approved childcare costs from your

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• If you are in work and would like advice about your situation ring Greenwich Council's Welfare Rights Service on 020 8921 6375 during normal office hours (18001 020 8921 6375 for textphone users).

Greenwich Council's website includes detailed information about benefits for families at [www.greenwich.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/benefits)

• For information about services and summer activities for families with children and young people contact the council's Families Information Service on 020 8921 6921 or email [fis@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:fis@greenwich.gov.uk). Alternatively visit [www.greenwich.gov.uk/fis](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/fis)



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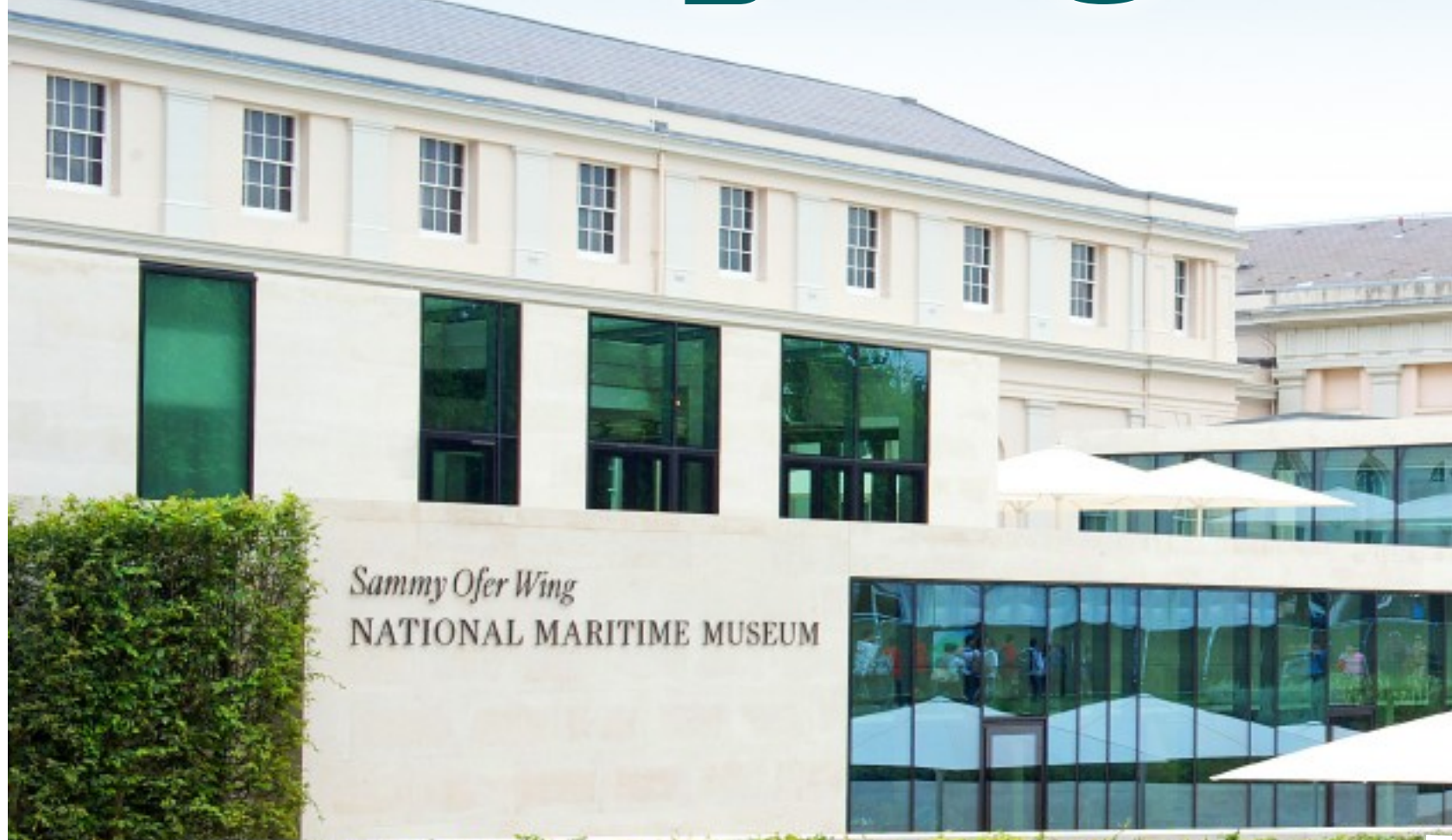
A COMMUNITY fun day takes place at the Royal Arsenal on Saturday August 13 on the grounds of Wellington Park. Activities on offer include outdoor games for adults and children, and indoor entertainment including a live band, DJ and local theatre group. Free entry from 1-7pm

A TALKING drums event takes place on July 26 at Woolwich Town Hall. Three different cultures merge as the sounds of a bamboo flute and African drumming combine with the voices of the Gurkhas and Indian singers.

It's a Greenwich Ajoda Organisation event which runs from 11am until 3pm at the Wellington Street hall.



# Sammy's gift



**THE Duke of Edinburgh was in Greenwich to open the new £35 million Sammy Ofer wing at the National Maritime Museum.**

Prince Philip, a former naval officer himself, was met on Tuesday (July 12) by Greenwich Sea Cadets from TS Dreadnought and others from units in neighbouring boroughs. His arrival was trumpeted by Greenwich cadet Chris Eze, 17, playing a bosun's call pipe.

The Duke cut the ribbon to declare the new wing officially open in front of VIP guests who included the mayor and mayoress of Greenwich, Cllr Jim Gillman and wife Cllr Janet Gillman, and the leader of Greenwich Council, Cllr Chris Roberts.

Prince Philip then toured the new wing, which is the largest development in the museum's history and offers a completely new way of presenting its galleries, exhibitions and events. It is named after shipping magnate and philanthropist Sammy Ofer, who donated £21million towards the project. He had been due to attend

the opening, but died aged 89 at his home in Tel Aviv, Israel on June 3 after a long illness. His sons Eyal and Idan attended the opening to represent the family.

The new wing, which was partially financed by a £5million award from the Heritage Lottery Fund, gives the museum a new main entrance to Greenwich Park. It includes a special exhibitions gallery, allowing the museum to stage temporary shows, and a permanent gallery called Voyagers, which introduces the story of Britain and the sea. There is also a café and brasserie and a state of the art library and archive, which brings much of the museum's world-renowned archive on to the main site for the first time.

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*by Dick Townsend Smith*

exploring their family history will now have unprecedented access to a vast range of journals, records, charts, prints and drawings.

A 30-metre long wall tells the story of Britain at sea from the 16th century to the present day. The display includes a 200-year-old love token of an engraved ship's biscuit, the last letter Admiral Lord Nelson wrote to his daughter, and a toy pig that survived the sinking of the Titanic.

Lord Sterling, the museum's chairman, said: "Our maritime story is Britain's national story, and understanding the way the past has shaped the present has never been more important in enriching our understanding of the world and providing inspiration for the future."

"In the Sammy Ofer wing, our new exhibition space will introduce new generations of visitors to the many rich narratives bound up in our maritime story."

The new wing opened to the public last Thursday.



**YOU'RE WELCOME:** the Duke gives the new wing the thumbs-up.



# to Greenwich

THE Sammy Ofer Wing of the National Maritime Museum was officially opened by Prince Philip on July 12. The Duke was greeted by a fanfare from local sea cadets at the wing whose patron sadly passed away just a month before it was unveiled.



## Top of the pops

GT talked to some locals who visited the new wing the first day it was open to the public. Sandy Waldron from Tarves Way, Greenwich, took her grandson Ephriam, four, to see the new wing. "It's very good and very spacious, and the landscaping at the front is amazing," she said. "I'm very impressed by the museum and the way the new building complements the old building looks like it has always been there."

Simon Webster from Eversley Road, Charlton, was on a visit with his mother June, and his sons Harley, and Nathan. "It's absolutely fantastic," he said. "I cycle through the park every day, and I've been waiting for



it to open for a long time. It's very clean and modern, and the glasswork is very impressive." Karen Brickman, a lecturer at Greenwich University, brought three-year-old son Cian to see the new wing. She said: "I really like it, it's really lovely, and the new water feature outside is a big hit with the kids."

## From Romania to Tel Aviv, a colourful life

Sammy Ofer KBE 1922-2011



SAMMY was born in Romania in 1922, and moved as a child with his family to Palestine. He started his life-long love of the sea when he joined his father's ship chandlery business and during the Second World War volunteered to serve in the Royal Navy, during which he saw active service in the Mediterranean. He is remembered as the larger-than-life international shipping magnate and philanthropist, and in the decades following the war he established one of the largest privately held shipping groups in the world.

The shipping group today operates a significant part of its fleet from London, with about 90 vessels flying the Red Ensign.

Through his longstanding relationship with London and its shipping community, Sammy Ofer gained a deep appreciation and respect for the long maritime tradition and history of the UK. This was the underlying motive for his hugely generous support to the National Maritime Museum. The gift enables the Museum to connect with a much broader audience and to communicate the value and relevance of the UK's rich sea-going heritage.

Sammy Ofer was also a generous supporter of the Cutty Sark and of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport. In 2008 he was appointed an Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) in recognition of his generous support for maritime heritage. After basing himself in Monaco for many years, he retired to Israel in 2009 where he passed away on June 3 2011.



# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 245

## How the lettings policy works

**Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.**

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

**For properties advertised for band A and band B** - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.  
**For properties advertised for band C applicants** - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

### Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

### Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

### Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

### Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

**The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 10 August 2011 at midday and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 24 July 2011**

**Please note edition 246 & 247 will be WEBSITE ONLY**

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :  
French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:  
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich (Guri-ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashao) Khadka Ku-tartanka waxaa laga helaa:  
Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hatı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:  
Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電話競投專線 :

Cantonese 020 8921 4370

க்ரீன்விச் இல்லங்கள் (தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட வாடகை வீடுகள்) ஏலப் பிரிவு தொலைபே இங்கு கிடைக்கும்:

Tamil 020 8921 4300



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

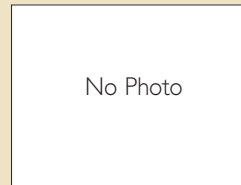
Only priority  
applicants can  
apply



Ref Number: 85424  
**Old Pearson St SE10**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Rad C/H No dogs No pkg  
**£122.63pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 109541  
**Farnaby Rd SE9**  
3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£107.58pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 127667  
**Timbercroft Lane SE18**  
3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Gas Fire Only  
**£107.16pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 127829  
**Joan Cres SE9**  
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat Gdn  
Gas Fire Only No Pkg  
**£89.92pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130590  
**Thornham St SE10**  
3 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Unlifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H  
**£101.63pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 131038  
**Prince Henry Rd SE7**  
3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H  
**£109.69pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 131469  
**Barth Road SE18**  
2 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H  
**£94.63pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 133020  
**Villas Rd SE18**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£80.01pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 133141  
**Brimpsfield CI SE2**  
3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£103.08pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 133896  
**Marble House Felspar CI SE18**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H  
**£89.40pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 133932  
**Jason Walk SE9**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat Gdn  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
No Pkg  
**£83.82pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134179  
**Gavestone Rd SE12**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£91.41pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134419  
**Bargate CI SE18**  
3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£100.48pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134522  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£105.73pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134524  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£105.73pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134610  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£105.73pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134864  
**Antelope Rd SE18**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Comm G/H No Pkg  
**£101.08pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134866  
**Kirkham St SE18**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£80.67pw** Bands A&B

## Gibson Court - New Build

1. No pets
2. No Parking
3. Open Plan kitchen/Lounge
4. No Garden
5. Water Meter
6. Pre payment meter
7. Rent does NOT include Service charge

## Small is beautiful the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

For more information  
contact the Project Team on **020 8921 2671**  
textphone: 020 8921 2996/2657



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Only priority  
applicants can  
apply



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: I35046  
**Sandy Hill Av SE18**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H No dogs  
**£86.36pw** Bands A&B



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: I35446  
**Pelton Rd Greenwich SE10**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No pets  
**£123.51pw** Bands A&B



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: I35447  
**Arsenal Rd SE9**  
2 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H  
**£107.20pw** Bands A&B



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 76294  
**Keynes Court Attlee Rd SE28**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No dogs  
**£90.16pw** Band C



Ref Number: 86841  
**Tivoli Gdns SE18**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£73.53pw** Band C

Anyone on the  
housing list can  
apply for these

Rsl allocations  
policy applies  
to **Housing  
Association**  
properties



Ref Number: 94104  
**Galena House Grosmont Rd SE18**  
1 Bed 10th Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Storage Htrs No Pkg  
**£81.92pw** Band C



Ref Number: I26215  
**Polthorne Gr SE18**  
Bedsit Grd Flr Flat  
Comm G/H  
**£74.75pw** Band C



Ref Number: I28467  
**The Willows Congleton Gr SE18**  
1 Bed Grd Flr Flat  
Entry phn Comm G/H  
No Pkg  
**£84.06pw** Band C



Ref Number: I30999  
**Samuel St SE18**  
2 Bed 8th Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Min 1 child any age  
**£85.67pw** Band C



Ref Number: I31793  
**Granite St SE18**  
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H  
**£72.40pw** Band C

## Gibson Court - New Build

1. No pets
2. No Parking
3. Open Plan kitchen/Lounge
4. No Garden
5. Water Meter
6. Pre payment meter
7. Rent does NOT include Service charge



Southern Housing Group Ltd

Ref Number: I34526  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£106.64pw** Band C



Southern Housing Group Ltd

Ref Number: I34607  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£105.73pw** Band C



Southern Housing Group Ltd

Ref Number: I34703  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£105.73pw** Band C



Southern Housing Group Ltd

Ref Number: I34713  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£105.73pw** Band C



Southern Housing Group Ltd

Ref Number: I34725  
**Gibson Court Dowding Dr SE9**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£106.64pw** Band C



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: I35045  
**Victoria Way SE7**  
2 Bed Grd Flr Flat  
Entry phn Rad C/H  
No dogs  
**£101.99pw** Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: I35099  
**Webb Court Attlee Rd SE28**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No dogs  
**£85.98pw** Band C



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: I35106  
**Ancona Rd SE18**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H no dogs  
**£79.01pw** Band C



Amicus Horizon

Ref Number: I35185  
**Radnor Cres SE18**  
2 Bed Grn Flr Flat  
Entry phn Storage Htrs  
**£113.19pw** Band C



Family Mosaic Housing Assoc.

Ref Number: I35305  
**Berthon St Deptford SE8**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H No dogs  
**£92.73pw** Band C



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

## Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941**. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



**Our current vacancies include;**  
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

### One Person Properties

**Eltham Road**, Lee SE12, 1st floor, Studio flat.

**Garnett Close**, Eltham SE9, 2ND Floor, Studio flat.

**Langton way**, Blackheath, SE3, 1ST Floor, Studio Flat

**Sam Manners House**, Greenwich SE10,  
1st Floor Studio Flat.

### Two Person Properties

**Eltham Road**, Lee SE12,  
1 Bed 2 person ground floor flat.

**Langton way**, Blackheath SE3,  
3 Bed ground floor flat.

**All the above properties are lifted.**

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 242

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Goldfinch Road SE28 0ED	2	FLAT	390	14/09/2007	C
Wolfe Crescent SE7 8TR	5	HOUSE	99	23/03/1992	A
Clifton Lodge Sandyhill Road SE18 6BX	3	FLAT	48	09/07/2010	B
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	1	FLAT	80	17/09/2007	B
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	1	FLAT	57	01/01/2009	B
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	1	FLAT	48	05/12/2009	B
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	1	FLAT	43	29/09/2009	B
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	1	FLAT	38	28/09/2009	B
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	1	FLAT	48	21/11/2007	B
Briset Road SE9 6LQ	3	HOUSE	130	15/07/1991	A
Grovebury Road SE2 9BB	3			withdrawn	
Gooding House Valley Grove SE7 8AT	2	FLAT	46	07/11/1994	A
Gilbert House Mcmillan Street SE8 3DN	3	MAISONETTE	19	29/09/2010	B
Cambrook Road SE3 8AE	2	MAISONETTE	33	26/04/2009	A
Brentwood House Portway Gardens SE18 4PQ	2	FLAT	17	12/02/2010	B
Troy Court Helen Street SE18 6RQ	0	FLAT	103	27/07/2009	C
Harding House Ogilby Street SE18 5EW	1	FLAT	48	06/10/2008	A
Robert Street SE18 7NE	2	FLAT	32	04/09/1995	A
Sandling Rise SE9 3AU	1	FLAT	51	18/08/2006	B
Claymill House Raglan Road SE18 7HX	1	FLAT	30	21/04/2008	A
Watergate Street SE8 3HW	2	PARLOUR HOUSE	38	07/12/2010	B
Gregory Crescent SE9 5RZ	3	FLAT	73	20/06/2008	B
Walpole Place SE18 6TW	3	MAISONETTE	20	06/06/1996	A
Azof Street SE10 0EF	2	HOUSE	67	24/02/2011	A
Gatling Road Abbey Wood SE2 0RE	2	FLAT	394	14/02/2005	C
Banning Street Greenwich SE10 0NZ	2	FLAT	45	18/04/2011	B
Victoria Way SE7 7NX	1	FLAT	442	22/06/2006	C
Bell Street SE18 4NA	2	FLAT	31	20/06/2005	A
Sir Walter Raleigh Court Banning Street Greenwich SE1	1	FLAT	77	26/02/2001	A

### For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team

on: 020 8921 2941

Textphone (minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: [housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk)

Fax: 020 8854 7212

## GreenwichHomes adverts

*Greenwich Time* is now being published  
50 weeks a year and is delivered to all  
residents. **GreenwichHome** adverts are  
included in every issue.



# Helping others: it was mentor be

HAVE you ever wanted to be a mentor and pass on your skills to others? Now's your chance to help someone help themselves and the benefit the local community at the same time.

Greenwich Council, in partnership with Volunteer Centre Greenwich and GAD have launched a new scheme aimed at helping Greenwich residents with additional needs become volunteers in the borough. Volunteering is a great way to help your community, build confidence and develop new skills.

And with the help of a mentor, individuals who need some extra

support can enjoy all the benefits of being a volunteer.

The scheme is looking for 15 people to help train and supervise volunteers so they in turn, can use their skills to benefit the community. Candidates for the mentoring scheme will need to be reliable and consistent, have good people skills and be flexible to the needs of another person.

They also need to be able to offer a minimum of three hours a week for six months.

While mentors will be financially unpaid for their time, there is a host

of benefits to joining the scheme, including the accredited training successful applicants will receive and of course the benefits of learning new skills and helping people in the local community.

The closing date for applications is July 31.

• For more information and to request an application pack, please contact Barbara Murphy at Volunteer Centre Greenwich on 020 8853 1331 or 07908 349 723 or email [barbara@volunteergreenwich.co.uk](mailto:barbara@volunteergreenwich.co.uk)

# Spongy rocks and dinosaurs

## New nursery a big hit with under fives

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**YOUNG** pupils at Rockliffe Manor Primary School have given an excited thumbs-up to their new nursery building, which was officially opened earlier this month.

The new build at the Plumstead primary includes nursery and reception classrooms, a kitchen and covered play area, as well as a separate teaching room for music and other specialist activities – including teaching children with special educational needs.

The children took advantage of the new outdoor play equipment in last Monday's warm weather. Louis and Darcey, both five, were playing on the model dinosaur park, complete with spongy rocks. "I'd like to be like a big dinosaur," said Louis.

And Darcey said: "The spongy rocks and the dinosaurs are the best things to play with."

Saffron, five, was playing on the miniature water shoot with Jamie, four. "I like all the new toys, and I like the big, new classroom, especially the playtime teaset" she said. Meanwhile Alfie and Maia, both five, were busy painting indoors. Alfie was painting faces and Maia was putting the finishing touches to a blue dolphin. Mayor Jim Gillman opened the new building watched by children, parents, governors and staff. He was joined by Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for children and young people, who said: "This new building represents an excellent investment in our children's future and is a further example of Greenwich Council's commitment to improving the learning environment in our schools. Rockliffe Manor already offered excellent learning opportunities for under-fives, despite the limitations of the old buildings. It's clear that these new facilities have opened up new opportunities to excite and involve the children."

The single-storey building was completed earlier this year and



**SPLASHING TIME:** the miniature waterslide fascinates the children, above. And left, Alfie specialises in faces while Maia prefers her blue dolphin

£6.5 million across the borough in new and improved school buildings during 2010/11. Rockliffe's headteacher Maria Vinante said: "This new building is contemporary and inspirational. The light and airy classes have given the children a 21st century environment in which to learn.

"The architects listened to our needs and have created a learning space which is a joy in which to work."

She added: "It's colourful and stimulating with lovely spaces for creative activity particularly the fully-fitted kitchen, in which the children have already made vegetable soup, carrot muffins, and dips for crudities. It's great having an additional teaching room which means the school now has an area in which the special needs teacher can work and hold parents meetings; it is also used for music lessons and many other activities."

## MEPS & GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY MEMBERS

### GREENWICH AND WOOLWICH

Nick Raynsford (Lab)  
Email: [nick.raynsford.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nick.raynsford.mp@parliament.uk)  
or write to Nick Raynsford MP, House of Commons, London OAA  
Call the office in advance on 020 7219 5895 to register for a surgery (lines are open Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm & 2-4pm).  
2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, 7pm at 32 Woolwich Road, Greenwich SE10 0JU.  
2nd Saturday of the month, 11am at Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE.  
2nd Saturday of the month, 2pm at West Greenwich House, 141 Greenwich High Road, Greenwich SE10 8JA.  
4th Saturday of the month: 11am at the Barnfield Project, Oak House, Barnfield Road SE18 3UH.  
4th Saturday of the month, 2pm at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6PW.

### ELTHAM

Clive Efford (Lab) Call for an appointment at the following monthly surgeries on 020-8850 5744 between 11am and 3pm Mon-Fri.  
1st Tues: Anstridge Community Centre, Anstridge Rd. SE9, 11am-12.30pm  
1st Fri: Horn Park Community Centre, 96 Sibthorpe Road, 11am-12.30pm  
2nd Fri: Slade Hall, Pendrell Street, 6pm  
2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am and 4th Friday at a of the month at 6pm.  
3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm  
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.  
4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am, Bushmoor Crescent

### ERITH & THAMESMEAD

Teresa Pearce (Lab)  
All surgeries are booked by appointment by calling 020 7219 7068 or write to Teresa Pearce MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or email [teresa.pearce.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:teresa.pearce.mp@parliament.uk)  
Four advice surgeries each month: the 1st Saturday of the month in Thamesmead, the 2nd Saturday of the month in Erith, the 3rd Friday of the month in Northumberland Heath and the 4th Friday of the month in Abbey Wood.

### GLA MEMBER

Len Duval (Lab) is the GLA member for Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to Len Duval, GLA, City Hall, Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA; phone 020-7983 4408/4517; or email [len.duval@london.gov.uk](mailto:len.duval@london.gov.uk)

### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Contact your MEP at the UK Office of the European Parliament on 020-7227 4300.

Contact Members' Services on 020 8921 5151 for information on the surgery timings for your own councillor.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

**Overview & Scrutiny Call-In Sub-Committee** - Tuesday July 26, 5.30pm

**Planning Board** - Thursday July 28, 6.30pm

More information on 020-8921 5130 or [www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings)



# SCENE

Comedy

**Roald Dahl  
tale is 50  
years old**

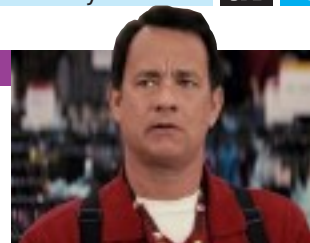
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Film

**Hanks  
for the  
memories**

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# At Landis End

Johnny Depp's *Pirates of the Caribbean* costume has gone on show in SE10. Scene spoke to top Hollywood designer **Deborah Landis** who's also dressed Michael Jackson and Harrison Ford

HE was a huge hit in the cinema and now the costume that made his character come alive is on show in Greenwich.

Captain Jack Sparrow swaggered onto the big screen earlier this year in the fourth instalment of the *Pirates of the Caribbean* series.

And much of *On Stranger Tides* was shot in Greenwich so it was fitting that the costume should be displayed at the Old Royal Naval College's Painted Hall for the rest of the summer.

The pirate garb was the brainchild of Penny Rose. Her sounding-board on the project was good friend Deborah Landis – a Hollywood designer in her own right and husband of director John Landis.

Deborah told *Scene*: "My friend Penny did a marvellous job on *Pirates*. Johnny Depp makes a lot of movies and it's his job to become the character in every film he does. Costumes really allow actors to inhabit characters. "Penny really helped him become Jack Sparrow.

The costume designer admits that there was surprise in Hollywood when Johnny Depp breathed new life into a somewhat old-fashioned film genre.

"No one ever thought the pirate genre would come back," she said – "everybody was waiting for the Western to come back, but no one thought pirates would.

"Ultimately it was down to Johnny who carried the first one and made it fresh and spoke to a new generation. "He's an outsider, he's romantic, he's dashing, a buccaneer, but at the same time he has the qualities of Robin Hood."

Deborah's no stranger to big stars, she designed and created Michael Jackson's famous red leather jacket which he wore in the *Thriller* video that her husband John



**DESIGNER GEAR:** Deborah with the famous pirate suit, and inset, Depp on set in the Painted Hall

directed. "John was very good friends with Michael, and I actually designed the jacket for *Thriller* and later for *Black and White* as well," Deborah said.

"Michael was wonderful. I knew him for a long time before I designed *Thriller*. It was a very small crew and we shot it in East L.A. And after the video we went to watch him play in front of 50,000 screaming fans in Madison Square Gardens.

"The guy was five foot seven, and 99-pounds absolutely soaking wet, and when I saw him in concert he was riveting. It was like an epiphany. I'm not really spiritual but he was so gifted that I was completely overwhelmed when I saw him in concert. I can't explain it – he was a small person in stature but you couldn't take your eyes off him. "The funny thing I was at

the auction where the Michael Jackson jacket sold for \$1.8million, and I told my friend I would make them one for \$1.7million!"

Other high-profile movie makeovers that Deborah has performed include a certain Indiana Jones.

"I came up with the idea for the whip and the hat and everything," she said. "I've been incredibly lucky – I've designed two of the most iconic leather jackets of all time!"

The magic of screen actors is very different from that of live music performers, the designer adds.

"Very often you don't see it when you're on the set, and then you see the rushes, and there's the magic on the screen. It's very subtle, you don't see it sometimes. "Years ago I did a movie with Michelle Pfeiffer – beautiful



girl yes, but I couldn't see the spark. But when I saw her on the screen I was blown away – she radiated light." A New Yorker who now lives in Los Angeles, Deborah has a link to Greenwich in her West Coast house. "I first came to Greenwich when I was 10 years old," she said. "I'm very comfortable here – my father built a model of the Cutty Sark which is still in my living room. My father was the captain of a submarine, and so I grew up very Navy."

Rod Kitson

*The costume is on show in the vestibule of the Painted hall at the ORNC until September 4. Entry is free.*

Orton know better

## Joe's at the double



A DOUBLE-BILL of Joe Orton plays are on show in London for the first time in a decade. Greenwich Playhouse hosts *The Ruffian on the Stair* and *The Erpingham Camp* back-to-back from tonight (July 12) until August 7.

Orton's short plays were originally presented in 1967 at the Royal Court under the title *Crimes of Passion*. It was a poignant and tragic twist when later that year Orton was bludgeoned to death by his lover in a crime of passion at their Islington home. He was just 34 years old. It was testament to his literary clout that in his short career he became a formidably prolific English playwright who was responsible shock and outrage among the established order.

But he was also renowned for his wit and dark sense of humour.

The pair of Orton shorts on at the theatre on Greenwich Station Forecourt are comic farces.

Director Maria Chiorando told *Scene*:

"*The Ruffian on the Stair* is the first of the evening and is darker than *The Erpingham Camp*." The plays are 40 and 50 minutes long respectively, and Maria's company, CandyKing comprises 12 actors and a minimalist stage set.

"Joe Orton is such a brilliant comic writer, but he's so rarely performed so I thought it would be nice to give the plays a re-airing," she added.

**The Joe Orton double-bill is on from July 12 – August 7 at Greenwich Playhouse. Tickets £13/£10 Box office: 020 8858 9256**

Screen festival



PICTUREHOUSE cinemas are hosting the Screen Arts Festival to showcase a wide range of both pre-recorded and live arts.

The new arts initiative will take place from July 29 to August 11 with highlights to include: A satellite Q&A with Sir David Attenborough to accompany the first wide cinema screening of BAFTA winning documentary *Flying Monsters 3D*, the UK Premiere for a new restoration of Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* ballet, and three productions from the Met Opera including a repeat show of the National Theatre's acclaimed production of Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard* starring Zoe Wannamaker.

For full schedule of events go to: [www.picturehouses.co.uk](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk)

Open mic



THE Morden Arms in Greenwich is hosting an open mic session on Thursday July 14 at 9pm. The free event at the venue on the corner of Brand Street and Circus Street will play host to folk, blues, jazz and pop artists and any budding musicians who wish to take part on the night.

For information visit [www.bengolding.co.uk](http://www.bengolding.co.uk) or [www.myspace.com/bengoldingmusic](http://www.myspace.com/bengoldingmusic)

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## FINAL SCENE

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# Roald gold never old

Dean Beadle steps into Eltham's independent bookshop to ponder the lasting appeal of **Roald Dahl's** quirky children's stories

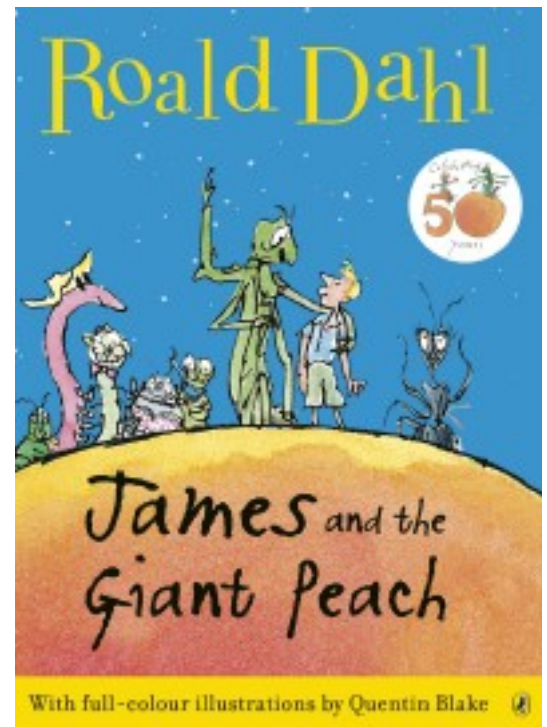


THE arts world has long been dominated by dynamic duos. Morecambe and Wise. Simon and Garfunkel. Mills and Boon...OK, so that's pushing it. One such iconic pairing is Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake. The imaginative author and quirky illustrator were mainstays in the world of children's literature before JK Rowling was even a twinkle in her mother's eye. Incredibly, **James and The Giant Peach** is fifty years old this year. To celebrate the milestone, Puffin has issued a 50th anniversary edition of the book. The first thing that catches the eye on opening the book is the splash of colourful illustrations. In previous editions the pictures tended to be small and black and white. In this version, the drawings are in full colour and have half pages devoted to them, allowing their character and charm to shine through. Then of course there are the words. The late Roald Dahl was the man responsible for enticing several generations of children into books. He had a gift for creating characters that youngsters could relate to. His characters lived out the fantasies that every child dreamed of and

got up to the sort of mischief that all the readers wished they had the courage to get up to themselves. As Zoe from Greenwich's newest independent bookshop Ink and Folly told *Scene*: "Children will always feel small, lonely and powerless when faced with the big wide world around them. And so children will always need a story like this." Dahl's characters not only entertained, they inspired - and James is a case in point. An orphan, the four-year-old James is packed off to live with his vain and cruel aunties, Sponge and Spiker who enslave and bully him. By chance he encounters an old man who gives him a paper bag of magical crocodile tongues which in time, grow into a peach so big that it becomes a vessel for James to escape his misery. With Dahl's work, the delight is in the detail. He has a wonderfully wicked way of describing people that is both hilarious and evocative: "*Aunt Sponge was enormously fat and very short. She had small piggy eyes, a sunken mouth and one of those white flabby faces that looked exactly as though it had been boiled.*" Much of the joy of this book comes from the supporting characters. James is joined by a raft of animals

from a regal grasshopper to the pompous and eloquent centipede, whose relentless bickering provides much humour on their voyage into the unknown inside the peach. Dahl wrote brilliantly for children. He never spoke down to them, but directly to them. His conversational style of writing was both gripping and involving for young minds. Obviously as an adult revisiting this book, it of course seems immature and basic, but surely that's the point? Pacey and at times deliciously dark, this classic book is perfect escapism for our little ones. It may be 50 years old, but it certainly doesn't show. In fact it's high time that the book got the Hollywood treatment again. Charlie and the Chocolate factory got a 21st century remake (we'll forget that Johnny Depp's Wonka seemed more suited to a secure unit than a chocolate factory). So why not James and the Giant peach? And if Hollywood does come knocking on the Dahl estate's door I have a suggestion for them: Russell Brand. The Centipede. Please?

The 50th anniversary edition of *James and the Giant Peach* is available now at Ink and Folly, 265 Eltham High Street, Eltham. More info: [www.inkandfolly.co.uk](http://www.inkandfolly.co.uk).



No crowning glory as Oscar winner's latest movie fails to light up big screen

## Hanks but no thanks



TOM Hanks didn't go to college. He didn't get the grades and his parents lacked the money for the Ivy League schools. Like the hero of **Larry Crowne** - which he co-wrote, directed and plays the title role, Hanks made it the hard way, through graft and hard work. If anyone has 'been there, done it and got the T-shirt', it must be Thomas Jeffrey Hanks. A double-Oscar winner - Philadelphia in 1993, a hugely courageous decision given the perception of AIDs at the time, and the incomparable Forrest Gump in 1994 - he is a friend of the US President and a recent dinner guest of Queen Elizabeth II. Even his TV productions - usually in association with Steven Spielberg - are enormously successful. With over \$8 billion of revenue behind him, expectations run riot when new projects are announced. Larry Crowne was surely going to flounder on Hanks' tsunami of success. And it does. Hanks however doesn't disappoint, his goofy charm as powerful as ever, his ability to move us - whether getting fired from his job or rejected by his girlfriend - still unbelievably strong. Hanks is also, and this is often overlooked, very funny. His timing is

spot-on and his delivery is perfect. The scene here where he resets his girlfriend's sat-nav is hilarious. In everything that he does, he has surely become the ultimate professional in Hollywood. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of Hanks's good friend and co-star, Julia Roberts. She simply fails to convince either as a teacher disillusioned with her lot or as a wife, frustrated by her husband's constant blogging and endless search for porn. Grumpy, frumpy and boozy is not what Roberts is about - and her sudden transformation simply beggars belief. Jennifer Aniston would have been the obvious choice but then perhaps Hanks doesn't know her so well. The screenplay leaves considerable room for improvement, for which co-author, Nia "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" Vardalos must take his share of the blame. Despite some witty repartee with Larry's neighbour, Lamar (delightfully played by Cedric The Entertainer), the story is too full of holes: Larry's invitation to join the scooter gang - the ultimate oxymoron - is as bewildering as the beautiful Talia's (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) interest in an unemployed, middle-aged



HANKS A LOT: but Tom's strong performance fails to save film

bachelor. The movie is ultimately undermined by its inability to decide what it is: old-fashioned romcom or a parody thereof. But Hanks has reached a stage in his career where he can do as he chooses and if he wants to exorcise some failure-to-go-to college-demons, nobody is going to mind. 6/10

Dick Morgan

Larry Crown is out now at local cinemas  
Cert: 12A

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We have 2 pairs of cinema tickets to The Greenwich Picturehouse to give away. Just answer this question:  
**Which two actors star in the film?**  
Comp ends July 26. Email answer, (and your address and phone no.) to [competitions@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:competitions@greenwich.gov.uk) or send a postcard marked 'Larry Comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW

**Picturehouse**

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**Willow Bank Primary is a brand new school in Thamesmead. You can now apply for a place if your child will be ready to start in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 from this September.\***

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Willow Bank Primary is being opened by the Woodland Federation (soon to become the Woodland Academy Trust). The Federation currently consists of two forward-thinking schools (Northumberland Heath and Peareswood Primary) and Willow Bank will share the same values and a commitment to high standards. The new school will take over the premises currently known as the Southlake Centre, in Seacourt Road, Thamesmead.

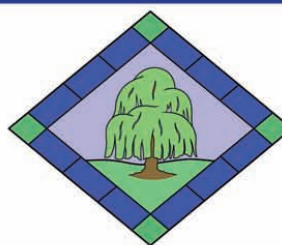
### FIND OUT MORE

Visit [www.wbprimary.co.uk](http://www.wbprimary.co.uk) for more information, or call the Executive Head Teacher Angela Barry on 01322 344 831

### HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a place from September 2011, please phone 020 8303 7777 and ask to speak to the Admissions Team.

Alternatively you may write to Jenny Watson, Head of Admissions, London Borough of Bexley, Hill View Drive, Welling, Kent. DA16 3RY.



\* Reception children: born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007. Year 1 children: born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006. Year 2 children: born between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005

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For an informal chat about this position please contact Richard O'Malley on 07958482962

**Closing date: 12th August 2011.**



## GREENWICH COUNCIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

**Civil Enforcement Officer**  
**£18,915 inc LW plus Enhanced pay for Saturday working**

Greenwich Council is looking for staff to join their team providing parking enforcement throughout the borough and on event nights around the O2 arena.

We are looking for several people to join our small but busy team of Civil Enforcement Officers. We provide full training and a uniform. We need you to be able to walk a large patrol beat, keep comprehensive and legible pocket book notes. You must have the ability to operate a hand held computer and camera as well as a two way radio.

We are seeking staff to work on a rotational shift pattern but with a commitment to flexibility given the shifting programme of the special entertainment events. Some Sundays and Bank Holidays shifts are included in the job – for which an appropriate rate of overtime allowance is paid.

Good written, numeracy and oral skills are essential in this role, as well as proven customer care skills and the ability to work in all weathers. A full clean UK driving licence is essential.

If you are interested in applying for the above post please visit Greenwich Council's website [www.greenwich.gov.uk](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk). You should download an application pack and apply online. Guidance on applying online is available on the website.

Reference: CS&E005Jul11  
Closing Date: 1st August 2011



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# Neighbourhood keeps watch over fete

**HUNDREDS** of families were looking out for each other when the Neighbourhood Watch held a community fete.

The Eaglesfield Park area watch held its fourth event to coincide with the launch of National Neighbourhood and Home Watch Week.

Organiser Jenny Penn told GT: "While the weather tried to do all it could to dampen the day, the participants, scheme co-ordinators and attendees had a terrific day and got to know the people that help make the Shooters Hill community great."

“This year’s fete was the best attended to date, with hundreds of families enjoying the activities, stands and stalls representing local service providers, schools, businesses, social groups, clubs and societies.”

Visitors saw a demonstration by Rufus the Harris Hawk with owner Wayne Davis, taking a break from duties at Wimbledon as chief pigeon deterrent. Borough Commander, Detective Chief Superintendent Richard Wood, cut the tape to open the event, and police cadets helped by selling all the lucky programmes. Met Police bomb dogs Sasha and Spencer thrilled the crowds

with their amazing snouts and their ability to concentrate on the job at hand. And Charlton Manor Primary School impressed the crowds with their working beehive demonstration and sales of home-made honey.

The London Ambulance Service welcomed people on board the ambulance, encouraging young people to see first hand what it is like inside, and the St John Ambulance saw a brisk trade of people wanting to learn more about lifesaving. Other attractions included the Digging Dad's Army group talking about the archaeological significance of the area, and the Friends of Eaglesfield

Park promoting their work on the park's pond restoration. Also there were the Shooters Hill Local History Group, and Greenwich Council's Clean Sweep, and Parks and Open Spaces teams.

• The Shooters Hill Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are producing a video to help promote Neighbourhood Watch. More information is at [www.shnws.org.uk](http://www.shnws.org.uk)

**• For more information about the Eaglesfield Park Neighbourhood Watch Scheme contact Jenny and Graham Penn by e-mail at [epnws@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:epnws@hotmail.co.uk) or phoning 020 8854 3337**

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<p>Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays at -</p> <p>Development Planning, Crown Building 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6RQ</p> <p>or at the library shown between normal opening hours.</p> <p>If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.</p> <p>Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.</p> <p>Please quote the appropriate reference number.</p> <p>Date: 28/07/2011</p> <p>Steve Pallett - Chief Planning Officer</p>			
<b>Publicity for Planning Applications</b>			
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<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Reston</p> <p><b>14 CATHERINE GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8BS</b></p> <p><b>Development:</b> Construction of a first floor extension to the rear addition.</p> <p><b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 1103/03, 1103/10, Site Location Plan, Design &amp; Access Statement, 7 Photographs and Letter dated 22/06/11.</p> <p><b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN</p> <p><b>Conservation Area:</b> KSBURNHAM TRAMWAY</p>	11/1508/F	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Berkeley Homes (East Thames) Limited</p> <p><b>3, THE WARREN/ROYAL ARSENAL, WARREN LANE, SE18</b></p> <p><b>Development:</b> Demolition and restoration works to the wall on the north-eastern side of Warren Lane to include the creation of three openings for pedestrian access and the removal and integration of a part of the wall into the western elevation of the new Phase 3 building.</p> <p><b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 1795-00-00-0001 Rev P02, 0002 Rev P01, 195-00-00-0000 Rev D01, 1795-00-00-0010 Rev D01, 5247-1, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 8.4.11.</p> <p><b>Library:</b> Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QF</p>	11/1629/L
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Steve Jennings</p> <p><b>13 GUILDFORD GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8JY</b></p> <p><b>Development:</b> Construction of a part 1/2 part 2-storey rear extension.</p> <p><b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 1778 E 100, 201, 301, 1778 P 101 Rev.A, 201, 301, 1778 Y 001, 002, 003, Site Location Plan and Design &amp; Access Statement.</p> <p><b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN</p> <p><b>Conservation Area:</b> KSBURNHAM TRAMWAY</p>	11/1536/F	<p><b>Applicant:</b> Berkeley Homes (East Thames) Limited</p> <p><b>BLOCK E2, ROYAL LABORATORY WEST PAVILION, PHASE 3, THE WARREN/ROYAL ARSENAL, NO 1 STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6GH</b></p> <p><b>Development:</b> Restoration and extension to accommodate four two bedroom flats including internal and external works.</p> <p><b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 1795-00-00-0001 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0010 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0021 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0022 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0023 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0024 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0025 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0026 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0027 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0110 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0111 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0112 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0113 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0310 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0311 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0312 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0313 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0314 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0410 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0411 Rev P02, 1795-00-00-0412 Rev D01, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 8.4.11.</p> <p><b>Library:</b> Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QF</p>	11/1630/L
<p><b>Applicant:</b> The Governors' Coll's School</p> <p><b>COLLES SCHOOL, HORN PARK LANE, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE12 8AW</b></p> <p><b>Development:</b> Construction of a new 3-storey sixth form centre.</p> <p><b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 254804155, 25480701, 25480702, 25480703, 25480704, 25480710, 25480711, 25480712, 25480713, 25480720, 25480721, 25480730, 25480731, 25480732, 25480733, 25480734, 25480735, 25480736, 25480737, 25480738, 25480739, 25480740, 25480741, 25480742, 25480743, 25480744, 25480745, 25480746, 25480747, 25480748, 25480749, 25480750, 25480751, 25480752, 25480753, 25480754, 25480755, 25480756, 25480757, 25480758, 25480759, 25480760, 25480761, 25480762, 25480763, 25480764, 25480765, 25480766, 25480767, 25480768, 25480769, 25480770, 25480771, 25480772, 25480773, 25480774, 2548077</p>			



# WIN WIN WIN! Season tickets!

**A pair of Charlton season tickets and five pairs to the first game of the season up for grabs**



WITH no fewer than 13 new names at The Valley, Charlton Athletic fans are full of hope for the new football season, which kicks off with League One play-off finalists Bournemouth as the visitors on Saturday, August 6. Season tickets are still available with prices ranging from £265 to £400 for adults, and £180 to £265 for over 60s/U21s, while U18s pay a flat rate of £75 and U11s just £49 anywhere in the ground. An adult ticket purchased with a junior costs only £230 in the family stand – equivalent to £10 a match. Further information is at [www.cafcctickets.co.uk](http://www.cafcctickets.co.uk) or call 0871 226 1905 (calls cost 10p per minute from a BT landline; calls from mobiles and other networks may cost more).

However, two lucky readers will be able to watch the Addicks completely free of charge this season, because we've got a pair of season tickets to give away in our super competition.

What's more there are five pairs of match tickets for the opening fixture against the Cherries up for grabs as runners-up prizes. Seats for that game are currently on sale at The Valley, priced from £18-£25 for adults, £13-18 for over 60s/U21s, £10 for U18s and £5 for U11s.

To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:  
**What team did Danny Green play for last season?**

Comp ends July 26. Email the answer, (with your address and phone no.) to [competitions@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:competitions@greenwich.gov.uk) or send a postcard marked 'Season Ticket Comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW

## APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is given that **GANESHALINGAM KISHO** has applied to Greenwich council for a **VARIATION** of Premises licence for the following premises:

**H S SUPERSTORE  
3 WICKHAM LANE  
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LONDON SE2 0XJ**

Interested parties may make representations to the Council on this application by no later than **12TH AUGUST 2011**. Representations can be made in writing to The Licensing team, Greenwich council, 11th floor, Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, London SE18 6DN (020 8921 8018)

You may inspect the application at the licensing authority address above. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, it is an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine up to £5,000, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in or in connection with an application.

It is proposed that the following licensable activities will take place at the premises:

**SALE BY RETAIL OF ALCOHOL  
(OFF SUPPLIES ONLY)**

Greenwich Council  
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.  
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 Article 8  
Publicity for Applications for Planning Permission  
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (As Amended)  
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (As Amended)  
Notice under Article 8 of an application for planning permission accompanied by an Environmental Statement

**Proposed development at Phase 3, The Warren/Royal Arsenal, No.1 Street, SE18  
Planning Reference No. 11/1632/F**

I give notice that Berkeley Homes (East Thames) Limited is applying for Planning Permission for Construction of new buildings and refurbishment of two royal laboratory buildings to house 234 dwellings and 736 sqm of non-residential floor space (D1/A1/A3/B1) with associated car parking, cycle parking and landscaping.

The proposed development does accord with the provisions of the Development Plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

The application

The plans brochures Nos. 1795-00-DB-0001 Rev P02, 0109 Rev P03, 0110 Rev P03, 0111 Rev P03, 0112 Rev P03, 0113 Rev P03, 0114 Rev P03, 0115 Rev P03, 0116 Rev P03, 0117 Rev P03, 0301 Rev P03, 0302 Rev P03, 0401 Rev P03, 0402 Rev P03, 0403 Rev P03, 0404 Rev P03, 0405 Rev P03, 0406 Rev P03, 0407 Rev P03, 0408 Rev P03, 0409 Rev P03, 0410 Rev P03, 0411 Rev P03, 0412 Rev P03, 0413 Rev P03, 0414 Rev P03, 0415 Rev P03, 0416 Rev P03, 0417 Rev P03, 0418 Rev P03, 0419 Rev P03, 0420 Rev P03, 0421 Rev P03, 0422 Rev P03, 0423 Rev P03, 0424 Rev P03, 0425 Rev P03, 0426 Rev P03, 0427 Rev P03, 0428 Rev P03, 0429 Rev P03, 0430 Rev P03, 0431 Rev P03, 0432 Rev P03, 0433 Rev P03, 0434 Rev P03, 0435 Rev P03, 0436 Rev P03, 0437 Rev P03, 0438 Rev P03, 0439 Rev P03, 0440 Rev P03, 0441 Rev P03, 0442 Rev P03, 0443 Rev P03, 0444 Rev P03, 0445 Rev P03, 0446 Rev P03, 0447 Rev P03, 0448 Rev P03, 0449 Rev P03, 0450 Rev P03, 0451 Rev P03, 0452 Rev P03, 0453 Rev P03, 0454 Rev P03, 0455 Rev P03, 0456 Rev P03, 0457 Rev 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# To be shore

## Greenwich swimmer conquers the English Channel just four years after he learned to swim

by Dan Stephens

**MANY** people's idea of a swim this summer might be splashing around in a pool or perhaps dipping a toe in the sea. But one Greenwich resident has been celebrating a marathon feat after he swam the English Channel.

Aqua-man Angus Macfadyen made the 21-mile slog on July 11 after battling back from an injury which might have put him out of action for good.

It took him 18-hours of non-stop paddling before he made it to France.

Angus said: "Six hours into the swim my right shoulder packed up, just to lift the arm from the water proved almost too much at times, particularly after feeding."

"When I'd stopped for a minute or so, it would just seize up, causing me dread at being fed - for the pain that would follow."

He had originally planned to conquer the strait in 2010 but bad weather and a broken arm left him grounded. But after four years of training he wasn't about to throw in the towel.

He set out from Dover in the morning, knowing there was a long day ahead of him. It would be next morning before he sighted France. As night fell he wondered if he would make it.

"With the sun gone, the moon shone, a pathway of moonlight spilled out across the sea, until it disappeared behind cloud - then darkness set in," Angus added. "In light I had some distraction from all the swimming - billions of plankton wriggling before my eyes, and jelly fish including a Portuguese Man of War - I was stung, four hours or so before the end on the back of my leg."

In completing his long-held ambition he also succeeded in bringing home boatloads of cash for his favourite charity, Lawrence's Roundabout Well Appeal.

He raised a massive £18,000 which will go towards supplying fresh water to the driest parts of Africa.

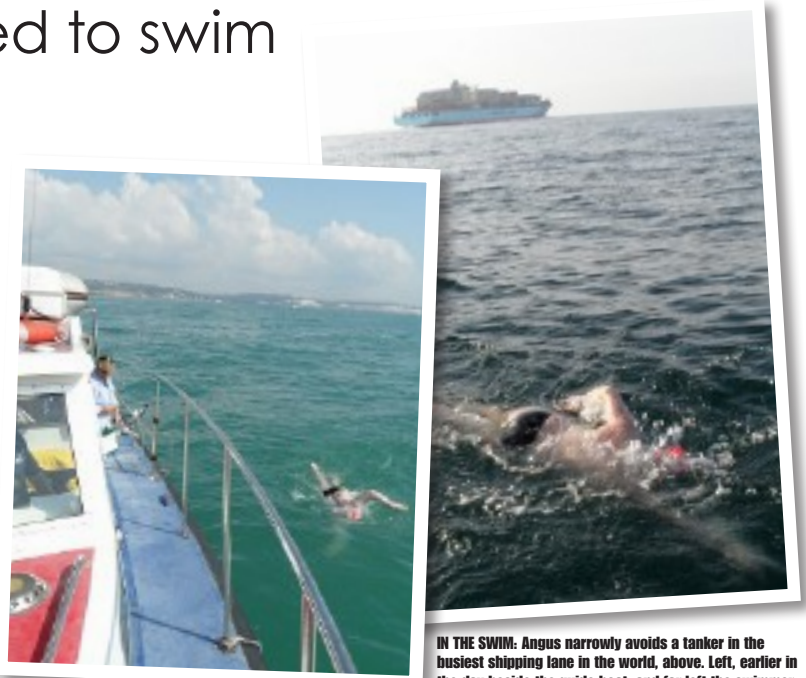
Incredibly Angus only learnt to swim in 2007 - at Greenwich's Arches Leisure Centre. He joined the club four years ago, and could barely swim 25 metres. But with the aid of coach Dave Wilmott and dedicated training he made enough progress to attempt the daunting task of the channel swim.

Angus said: "That swimming pool was my playground, it was where I first got the confidence to swim."

"I really want to push myself and see what I am capable of doing, something that would drive me 100 per cent, and it's actually driven me 1000 per cent!"

• **More information on Angus's swim and to donate to his appeal visit:**  
[www.channelangus.co.uk](http://www.channelangus.co.uk)

• **For more information about swimming at the Arches Leisure Centre call 020 8317 5020 or log onto**  
[www.gll.org](http://www.gll.org)



**IN THE SWIM.** Angus narrowly avoids a tanker in the busiest shipping lane in the world, above. Left, earlier in the day beside the guide boat, and far left the swimmer takes a breather during his epic challenge



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